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Lafayette man sentenced on federal child pornography charges

Lafayette, La.-- Michael A. Holt, Special Agent in Charge for U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in New Orleans, and U. S. Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that Allan Lane Landry Sr., 54, from Lafayette, Louisiana was sentenced on May 26, 2006 by U. S. District Judge Patricia Minaldi to 34 years 5 months federal imprisonment to be followed by a life term supervised release for transmission of child pornography and attempting to distribute obscene material to a minor.

Landry pleaded guilty in June 2005 to a Bill of Information as a result of investigations conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents. The defense argued for a lesser sentence, however the court found that the child pornography, including rape and images of infants being sexually assaulted, was egregious. The Court noted that the pre-sentence report demonstrated the defendant had previously molested a young girl. As a result, the Judge was unmoved by the defendant's plea for mercy.

In October 2004, Landry began communicating via Internet with two females whom he believed were young teenagers. Landry began discussing his desire to engage in various sexual acts with each of the females and also began sending images and videos of himself engaged in sexual activity to the two "minors". He also sent hard-core child pornography to the two minor females.

The two females were actually two undercover agents from another state working independently and not known to each other. A search warrant was executed on Landry's residence at the time of the incident in Ragley, Louisiana. Landry was using his home computer to communicate with the minors through Internet communications. Hundreds of images of hardcore child pornography were found on Landry's computer.

"Predators who think that they will engage in their repulsive acts unnoticed must think twice," said Michael A. Holt, special agent-in-charge for ICE in New Orleans. "We, along with our law enforcement partners, will use all the resources at our disposal to identify, investigate and prosecute predators."

U.S. Attorney Washington stated, "Persons who trade in child pornography will not be tolerated. We applaud the district court's recognition that this crime deserves the maximum sentence. We hope this sends out a message to anyone who trades in images of children being sexually abused and exploited that you will be held accountable for your criminal conduct."

The investigation into Landry's activities was part of ICE's Operation Predator, an ongoing ICE enforcement initiative to identify, investigate, arrest and, in the case of foreign nationals, deport child sex predators. Since the initiative began in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 8,093 individuals nationwide.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. The hotline is staffed around-the-clock by investigators. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner at 1-800-843-5678 or **<http://www.cybertipline.com>**.

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